

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

May 13, 2010

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Amy Valentine (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: Councilor Kelly

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on May 6, 2010 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending May 12, 2010 in the amount of \$ 320,139.14 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Valentine
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of May 6 - 12, 2010
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from May 4 – May 7, 2010
- Receipt of Finance Dept Statement of Revenues & Expenditures for January - April 2010.

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Valentine; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills approved by the Auditing Committee of the Common Council in the amount of \$ 1,550,191.87 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Calnon; Seconded by Councilor Jackson
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:

Katherine Mitchell 125 Maryland Rd read and submitted complaint and a report from New England Air Quality Testing about possible contamination from adjoining townhouse 127 Maryland Rd.

Mayor Kasprzak thanked Mrs. Mitchell for her comments and advised her he will contact our **Building Inspector Rick Perry** as he did in 2007.

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves John Clute, Corporation Counsel for 2010 CDBG Grant Agreement 927ED671- 10 be designated Certifying Officer for the environmental record review for all projects funded with Community Development Block Grant monies and that in the event of his absence or unavailability, the Mayor, is authorized to act as certifying officer.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Jackson
Discussion:

Motion to amend resolution:

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore, for 2010 CDBG Grant Agreement 927ED671-10 the Common Council designates the Mayor, Donald M. Kasprzak, Certifying Officer for the environmental record review for said project, and in the event of his absence or unavailability, the Mayor Pro Tem, is authorized to act as Certifying Officer.; further

RESOLVED: The Mayor's execution of said Grant Agreement for project 927ED671-10 is authorized, ratified and approved. .

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

AMENDED RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore, for 2010 CDBG Grant Agreement 927ED671-10 the Common Council designates the Mayor, Donald M. Kasprzak, Certifying Officer for the environmental record review for said project, and in the event of his absence or unavailability, the Mayor Pro Tem, is authorized to act as Certifying Officer.; further

RESOLVED: The Mayor's execution of said Grant Agreement for project 927ED671-10 is authorized, ratified and approved. .

Discussion:

Councilor Rabideau asked why?

Corporation Counsel John Clute this particular grant is actually being administered through The Development Corporation using Camoin Associates as a consultant. He didn't realize until today that they had three or four environmental forms prepared both State and Federal for the Mayor's signature. Rather than have them re do the forms to have John Clute, Certifying Officer entered on them which could delay project it was easier to have **Mayor Kasprzak** designated Certifying Officer.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a capital project be established as 2010Water System Upgrade and Meter Reading Project H8320.67 in the amount of \$638,000 to be funded by the Water Capital Reserve.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to rebid under Bid No. 2010-3-2 "2000 KVA 12470kV Voltage Padmount Transformer." Bid opening date: June 15, 2010 at 11:00 am.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

D. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves acknowledgment and support for a Northern New York Veterans National Memorial Cemetery.

By Councilor Valentine; Seconded by Councilor Rabideau

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

E. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Bill Treacy, Manager MLD to purchase two 2010 Ford Escape Hybrid 4 x 4'S for the MLD, New York State contract #PC65031 to replace two 2001 Dodge pickups.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion:

Councilor Carpenter had previously spoken to **Bill Treacy Manager MLD** about this purchase and thinks it is such an awesome idea and asked **Bill Treacy Manager MLD** to explain why we are getting the hybrids and how we will be able to charge them off our system.

Bill Treacy Manager MLD these vehicles fuel system is gas and battery. What happens is for City travel they spend most of their time on the battery and use their regenerative braking to recharge the battery. So fuel costs should go down on these we should save money and get better mileage than the 2 little pickups they are using now. He believes around the City they are getting around 34 to 35 miles to the gallon running off fuel.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

F. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves City Chamberlain to revise the funding for the remaining spending on capital project H8130.51 from the Sewer Reserve Fund to the Compost Plant Reserve Fund.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

G. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves closing Lorraine Street between Miller Street and Saily Avenue from May 25 – 28, 2010 on behalf of Canadian Pacific Railway for Crossing Surface Repair.

By Councilor Valentine; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

H. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT CULLEY TO THE POSITION OF ELECTRIC METER SUPERVISOR EFFECTIVE MAY 14, 2010.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

I. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF STEVEN LAFAlVE TO THE POSITION OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR TRAINEE EFFECTIVE MAY 14, 2010.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

J. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves a leave of absence for Steven Lafaive from his position as a laboratory technician effective May 14, 2010 until May 14, 2011 while he fulfills his operator certification requirements.

By Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Request from Community Development Office that Project Main St. BIP #6-2008 (12 Margaret Street – Steve Brodi) be awarded to Martin Bouchard Construction for “façade improvements of the building.” This project will be funded by the 2008 NYS Main Street program and interim financing through the City’s loan programs.
2. Request from the Strawhatter’s Concert Band to perform a free concert on Wednesday, July 7th at Champlain Monument-Cumberland Avenue, Wednesday, July 28th at the Gazebo-Old Base Oval, and Wednesday, August 4th at South Acres Park.
3. Request from Community Development Office to advertise for bids for 2008 Main St Program BIP # 12-2008, 61 Bridge St (The Northeast Group) for façade renovation to include painting and windows.
4. Request from Community Development Office to advertise for bids for 2008 Main St Program BIP # 11-2008, 8 City Hall Place (Karen Titherington) for façade renovation to include painting, installation of an awning and windows.
5. Request from the City Chamberlain to create capital project H5110.31 for the acquisition of public service equipment according to the 2010 capital expenditure plan.
6. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for a Police officer to attend the “State of NY Police Juvenile Officers Quarterly Board Meeting” in Geneva, NY from June 3 - 4, 2010 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$70.00 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund (DOJ Funds).

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Valentine wanted to ask **Corporation Counsel John Clute** regarding the TAC marketing project and after reading the description of the project and is trying to understand why it is costing \$7,500 and is it worth \$7,500. How are they collecting the data?

Corporation Counsel John Clute basically last year when TAC provided services to the Community Development Office they were quoting what he thought was a reasonable rate of around \$40 per hour for their time on something like this. The way that we have outlined the scope of this project and the amount of time and work it would take we will certainly use \$7,500 worth of time. In terms of the quality of what we get he tried to break it down in to stages so we just didn’t get a bill at the end of the project and a CD we found useless. He really doesn’t know, they are an unknown he hasn’t worked with them before, they claim to have this kind of experience. They have access to university resources to help them refine this. The way the contract is written if they are dissatisfied at any point in the process they can end it and he said if he doesn’t think it is good he won’t have any hesitation ending it. Now that he has gotten familiar with a bunch of these planning grants and all this other stuff that we are constantly producing to him are much less specific in terms of a tangible work product, highly repetitive they sound very similar. The three or four of these things that he has seen paid for with these state grants. NYS is paying up to \$50,000 the fees that they get

for these studies are really substantial. He thinks the Councils decision that the Community Development Office needs some help and the \$7,500 and they aren't prepared to spend any more than that. Is a modest appropriation and he thinks if this works out and they can produce what we want them to produce we will be getting good value for our money and a lot better value than we have gotten before.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Rabideau, Calnon, Valentine, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:52 pm